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Email only

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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for your request for information received on 11 January 2016 in relation to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (Trust). We are dealing with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information regarding the maternal mortality rate/ratio. Specifically you asked for:

***I am looking for the following information pertaining to your hospital trust:***

***The maternal mortality rate/ratio\*.  
The most common causes of these deaths.***

***May I have the above information, where available, for the following annual periods:***

***2014-2015  
2013-2014  
2012-2013  
2011-2012  
2010-2011  
1994-1995***

***\*The maternal mortality rate here to be understood as: the number of women who die from pregnancy-related causes or causes aggravated by pregnancy or its management either during pregnancy or within 42 days of pregnancy termination per 100,000 live births. This excludes accidental or incidental causes of death.***

**County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:**

We are unable to provide mortality rate information as the number of maternal deaths during these periods were very small. Therefore, we have provided the number of maternal deaths rather than the rate.

Please note: The numbers are small as very few women die during childbirth. There were no deaths in 2015. We do not hold any information for 1994/95.

Date	
2006	1
2009	2
2010	1
2014	2

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust website.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

The Chief Executive  
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust  
Darlington Memorial Hospital  
Hollyhurst Road  
Darlington  
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If, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113  
Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
Freedom of Information Officer